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SUBJ: SHIPPING & SEAMEN ACTIONS

1. ON JUNE 7, LORIN C. OLDERICH, PORT CAPTAIN, INTERNATIONAL OCEAN TRANSPORT CORPORATION, THREE PARKWAY, PHILADELPHIA, PENNA. 19102, CAME TO THE CONSULAR OFFICE TO REQUEST SHIPPING AND SEAMEN SERVICES ON BEHALF OF THE S.S. NEW YORK, THEN DOCKED SOME THREE HOURS' SOUTH OF RIO DE JANEIRO. HE PRESENTED A LETTER OF AUTHORIZATION FROM JAMES L. FULTON, MASTER.

2. THE ACTIONS INCLUDED THE SIGNING ON OF SIXTEEN SEAMEN; THE SIGNING OFF OF SEVENTEEN SEAMEN, MOST IF NOT ALL OF WHOM HAVE ALREADY BEEN REPATRIATED TO THE U.S. ACCORDING TO CAPTAIN OLDERICH; AUTHORIZATION FOR APPROXIMATELY TEN ALLOTMENT NOTES PERTAINING TO THE SEAMEN RECENTLY JOINING THE SHIP AND SIGNED BY THE SEAMEN AND THE MASTER; THE DEPOSIT OF SOME 40 CERTIFICATES OF DISCHARGE DATING BACK TO MAY 3, 1976; AND THE TRANSFER TO THE CONSULAR OFFICER OF EXPIRED SHIPPING ARTICLES, ALSO DATING BACK THROUGH THE PAST YEAR.

3. CAPTAIN OLDERICH STATED THAT THE COMPANY HAD THREE LARGE TANKERS, TANKERS TOO LARGE TO ENTER U.S. PORTS. THE TANKERS TRAVEL THROUGH THE PERSIAN GULF AND THENCE PRIMARILY TO BRAZIL THOUGH NEVER TO A PORT CLOSER THAN THREE HOURS' DISTANCE FROM EITHER SAO PAULO OR RIO DE JANEIRO. THE
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TANKERS NORMALLY REMAIN IN PORTS FOR ONLY ABOUT 20 HOURS AND THE SCHEDULES ARE NOT SET FAR IN ADVANCE OF ARRIVAL. CAPTAIN OLDERICH ASKED FOR GUIDANCE ON SHIPPING AND SEAMEN MATTERS IN THE ABSENCE OF EITHER U.S. SHIPPING COMMISSIONERS OR CONSULAR OFFICERS. SINCE HE WAS RETURNING TO THE U.S. ON JUNE 8, THE CONSULAR OFFICER SUGGESTED HE DISCUSS THE MATTER IN DETAIL WITH THE U.S. COAST GUARD AND THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE.

4. THE CONSOFF EXPLAINED TO CAPT. OLDERICH THE RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE POST AND THE CONSOFF AS DESCRIBED IN 7 FAM 518 AND THE REQUIREMENT, IN MANY OF THE PRESENTED ACTIONS, OF THE PRESENCE BEFORE THE CONSOFF OF THE SEAMEN CONCERNED AND OF THE MASTER. THE CONSOFF EXPLAINED THAT SINCE THESE ACTIONS OCCURRED OVER A PERIOD OF TIME, SINCE THE CONSOFF HAD NO WAY OF DETERMINING THE APPROPRIATENESS OR VALIDITY OF CERTAIN ACTIONS AND HAD NO ACTUAL KNOWLEDGE OF EITHER THE SEAMEN INVOLVED OR OF THE MASTER HIMSELF, THE CONSOFF WAS UNABLE TO PERFORM THE REQUESTED ACTIONS AIMED AT CLEARING ALL ACTIONS OCCURRING IN THE PAST YEAR.

5. THE CONSOFF FURTHER EXPLAINED THAT AT ANY TIME THE MASTER AND ANY SEAMEN CONCERNED COULD APPEAR AT THE POST, EXPEDITIOUS SERVICE WOULD BE RENDERED. THE CONSOFF ALSO NOTED THAT GIVEN SOME ADVANCE NOTICE AND DEPENDENT ON STAFFING AND TIMING, THE CONSOFF IN SOME INSTANCES WOULD MAKE EVERY EFFORT TO ARRANGE TO TRAVEL TO THE VESSEL TO PERFORM THE NECESSARY ACTIONS.

6. THE CONGEN WOULD APPRECIATE ANY ADVICE OR COMMENTS THE DEPT. MAY BE ABLE TO OFFER WITH RESPECT TO ASSISTING VESSELS APPEARING IN PORTS WITHIN THE CONSULAR JURISDICTION BUT SOMEWHAT DISTANT FROM THE POST. THE CONGEN WOULD ALSO APPRECIATE ADVICE ON WHAT ACTIONS MAY BE TAKEN WITHOUT THE PERSONAL APPEARANCE OF EITHER THE SEAMAN INVOLVED OR OF THE MASTER OR OF BOTH.

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